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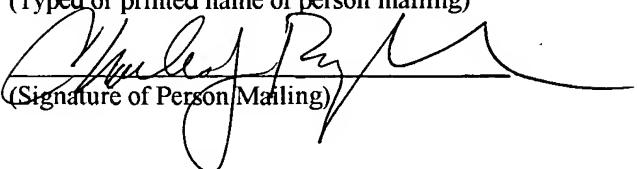
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

40 In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 10, 2005, the Applicant elects without traverse the Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to an apparatus for flexibly suspending a sensing mechanism, for prosecution on the merits in the present application.

The Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the remaining non-elected Group II, claims 7-12 drawn to a micromachined electromechanical system (MEMS) device comprising a force

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sensing mechanism, Group III, claims 13-19 drawn to a micromachined electromechanical system (MEMS) device comprising a proof mass, and Group IV, claims 20-29 drawn to a method for strain isolating a micromachined sensing mechanism, in one or more additional Divisional applications.

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5 telephone number given below.

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